



BOISE McKINNEY & EVANS LLP

CUSTOMER NUMBER 25267

2700 First Indiana Plaza
135 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
(317) 684-5000

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group: 3673
Atty. Docket: 8266-1185
Applicants: Matthew W. Weismiller
Invention: ACCESSORIES FOR A
PATIENT SUPPORT
APPARATUS
Serial No.: 10/715,725
Filed: November 18, 2003
Examiner: Unknown

Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on February 4, 2004

D. Cwiklinski
D. Cwiklinski

Dated: February 4, 2004

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This statement is filed in the application identified above pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Applicant calls attention to the art references within the knowledge of applicant and its attorney which are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. No representation is intended that a complete search has been made or that no better art references are available. The filing of this statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to the patentability as defined in 1.56(b).

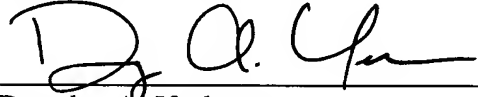
REMARKS

None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

Please charge any fees that might be due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. An extra copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

BOSE McKINNEY & EVANS LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. A. Yerkeson", written over a horizontal line.

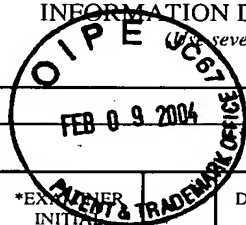
Douglas A. Yerkeson

Registration No.: 39,882

Indianapolis, Indiana
(317) 684-5000

521973_1

FORM PTO-1449	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTY DOCKET NO. 8266-1185	SERIAL NO. 10/715,725
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>		APPLICANT Matthew W. Weismiller	
		FILING DATE November 18, 2003	GROUP 3673



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPLICABLE
	AA	1,372,546	03/1921	Read et al.			
	AB	1,408,834	03/1922	Seavey			
	AC	1,604,870	10/1926	Asman			
	AD	2,267,583	12/1941	Carroll			
	AE	2,310,276	02/1943	Bilz			
	AF	2,456,505	12/1948	Hastings			
	AG	2,470,524	05/1949	Scudder			
	AH	2,529,173	11/1950	Moyer et al.			
	AI	2,622,831	12/1952	Fullwood			
	AJ	2,673,771	03/1954	Krewson			
	AK	2,696,963	12/1954	Shepherd			

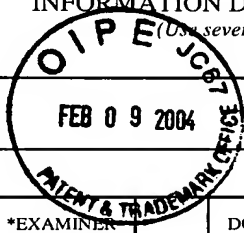
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	AL	1.005.292	04/1952	France				X
	AM	G 91 03 886.3	08/1991	Germany				X
	AN	WO 96/22758	08/1996	WIPO				
	AO							
	AP							
	AQ							

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)			
	AR		OR Direct® Surgical Table Accessories Brochure, Spring/Summer 2000, 24 pgs.
	AS		Hill-Rom® Affinity II Bed Brochure, 1998, 6 pgs.
	AT		

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)	ATTY DOCKET NO. 8266-1185	SERIAL NO. 10/715,725
	APPLICANT Matthew W. Weismiller	
	FILING DATE November 18, 2003	GROUP 3673



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPLICABLE
	BA	2,696,996	12/1954	Engelhardt			
	BB	2,940,783	06/1960	Engelhardt			
	BC	3,046,072	07/1962	Douglass, Jr. et al.			
	BD	3,157,378	11/1964	Blum			
	BE	3,216,752	11/1965	Rifken			
	BF	3,339,913	09/1967	Anderson			
	BG	3,677,584	07/1972	Short			
	BH	4,018,412	04/1977	Kees, Jr. et al.			
	BI	4,139,917	02/1979	Fenwick			
	BJ	4,190,224	02/1980	LeBlanc et al.			
	BK	4,225,104	09/1980	Larson			

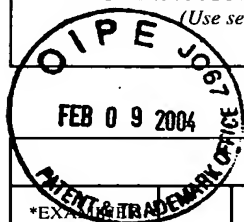
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	BL							
	BM							
	BN							
	BO							
	BP							
	BQ							

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)			
	BR		
	BS		
	BT		

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

FORM PTO-1449	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTY DOCKET NO. 8266-1185	SERIAL NO. 10/715,725
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>		APPLICANT Matthew W. Weismiller	
		FILING DATE November 18, 2003	GROUP 3673



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPLICABLE
	CA	4,262,872	04/1981	Kodet			
	CB	4,489,454	12/1984	Thompson			
	CC	4,547,092	10/1985	Vetter et al.			
	CD	4,615,058	10/1986	Feldt			
	CE	4,747,569	05/1988	Hoshino			
	CF	4,796,846	01/1989	Meier et al.			
	CG	4,865,484	09/1989	McConnell			
	CH	4,945,592	08/1990	Sims et al.			
	CI	4,949,928	08/1990	Hoshino			
	CJ	4,969,768	11/1990	Young			
	CK	5,016,307	05/1991	Rebar			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	CL							
	CM							
	CN							
	CO							
	CP							
	CQ							

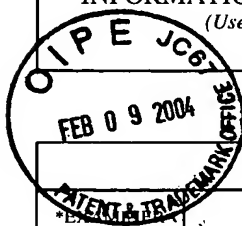
OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	CR		
	CS		
	CT		

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

FORM PTO-1449	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTY DOCKET NO. 8266-1185	SERIAL NO. 10/715,725
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>		APPLICANT Matthew W. Weismiller	
		FILING DATE November 18, 2003	GROUP 3673

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPLICABLE
DA	5,060,327	10/1991	Celestina et al.			
DB	5,094,418	03/1992	McBarnes, Jr. et al.			
DC	5,108,213	04/1992	Shields			
DD	5,135,210	08/1992	Michelson			
DE	5,157,800	10/1992	Borders			
DF	5,226,187	07/1993	Borders et al.			
DG	5,319,816	06/1994	Ruehl			
DH	5,358,205	10/1994	Starkey et al.			
DI	5,381,571	01/1995	Gabhart			
DJ	5,407,163	04/1995	Kramer et al.			
DK	5,538,215	07/1996	Hosey			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
DL							
DM							
DN							
DO							
DP							
DQ							

OTHER REFERENCES *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

INITIAL	DR	
DS		
DT		

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered.
 Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

FORM PTO-1449	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTY DOCKET NO. 8266-1185	SERIAL NO. 10/715,725
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>		APPLICANT Matthew W. Weismiller	
		FILING DATE November 18, 2003	GROUP 3673

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPLICABLE
	EA	5,647,491	07/1997	Foster et al.			
	EB	5,699,988	12/1997	Boettger et al.			
	EC	5,735,499	04/1998	Phillips et al.			
	ED	5,741,210	04/1998	Dobrovolny			
	EE	5,836,559	11/1998	Ronci			
	EF	5,927,670	07/1999	Hsieh			
	EG	6,042,541	03/2000	Dobrovolny et al.			
	EH	6,098,950	08/2000	Zupan et al.			
	EI	6,315,260	11/2001	Lees			
	EJ	2001/0039680	11/2001	Boucher et al.			
	EK	2002/0095728	07/2002	Weismiller			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	EL							
	EM							
	EN							
	EO							
	EP							
	EQ							

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	ER		
	ES		
	ET		

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

FORM PTO-1449		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTY DOCKET NO. 8266-1185		SERIAL NO. 10/715,725	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>				APPLICANT Matthew W. Weismiller			
				FILING DATE November 18, 2003		GROUP 3673	

O I P E J C 6 7
 FEB 0 9 2004
 PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPLICABLE	
FA	2002/0157186	10/2002	VanSteenburg et al.				
FB	6,499,158	12/2002	Easterling				
FC	6,622,324	09/2003	VanSteenburg et al.				
FD							
FE							
FF							
FG							
FH							
FI							
FJ							
FK							

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION		
					YES	NO	
FL							
FM							
FN							
FO							
FP							
FQ							

OTHER REFERENCES <i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</i>			
FR			
FS			
FT			

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.